Queen Anne Cobblestone

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September 11, QA Remembers

It has been a year since the tragic attack of 9/11/01 in New York and Washington, D.C. In Seattle, in the days following that event, over 75,000 visitors left approximately one million flowers and mementos at the Seattle Center Peace Fountain during a memorial flower vigil, to express sympathy for the families of victims of the September 11th tragedies, to share in our collective grief, and to find hope in a shattered world.

The flowers from that vigil were subsequently composted at the Interbay P-Patch, and other places, and are being returned to the soil as part of a Memorial Garden at the southwest corner of the new Fisher Pavillion area. A flower bulb and some of the compost will be given to visitors on the anniversary date.

Pictures of last years outpouring of support are on the Society's web site and pictures of this year's anniversary will be joining them soon.

Each of us has a story to tell about last year's tragedy. The Society's job is to preserve a record of this.

Our September Meeting Looks At Seattle's Old Houses

Wed. Sept. 18, 7:30 pm

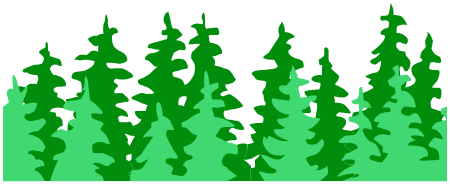
Greg Lange, local historian and author, whose work on historical locations in Seattle and environs has aided local history writers immeasurably, will present a review of older homes in Seattle and the development of architectural styles throughout the past 150 years. Queen Anne contains many examples of these houses. Greg is from the Puget Sound Regional Archives of the Washington State Archives and a contributor to Historylink.org,

Also on the program will be a brief update by **Ron Mason**, QAHS Board member, of the new **Historic Resources Survey Project** to be carried out by our Society, with your help, in the coming months. This project, in cooperation with the Department of Neighborhoods of the City of Seattle, will produce an inventory of historic structures for Queen Anne.

Join your neighbors at our next public meeting

Wed., Sept. 18th, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. West and West Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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Membership Notice

Please renew your memberships now! Our membership year ended May 31 and your renewals for 2002-2003 are needed **now**. Rising costs have led us to raise membership dues, as reported in the May Cobblestone. Even the postage for this newsletter has gone up. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires.** Please use the coupon on p. 3. *Our thanks to those who have already renewed*.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ***.....Thanks for being a part of a great organization!***

Calendar of

Wed. Sept. 18, 2002
Program: Greg Lange on old houses of Seattle. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story p.1)

Wed. Nov. 20, 2002
Program: Greg Palmer on TV production of historical programs. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Month of December, 2002
Event: Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. Our annual contest for beautiful holiday lighting on Queen Anne. Prizes for best residences, both on and off the "Boulevard".

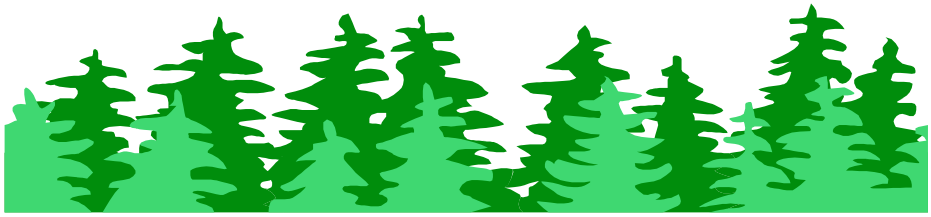
Wed. Jan. 15, 2003
Program: (tentative) The King County Sesquicentennial. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Our Queen Anne History Book Is Selling Out!

First the Good News. We have decided to do a second printing, because the books are in constant demand and are a wonderful source of support for the Society. **The new printing will include 500 copies of case bound (hard cover) books**. These hard cover copies make wonderful gifts. The second printing will be so-labeled.

Now the Bad News. After nine years of the Society's swallowing the shipping costs for the book, **we must now add shipping costs to the total.** The soft cover books will remain at the same price ($25 for the public, $20 for paid-up members). The case bound books will sell for $45 ($40 for members). Both will require a $3 per book shipping charge to be added.

The new books will be available in mid-to-late October in time for you to order copies as gifts for the holidays. Look for these in our local book stores or order them by mail using the coupon on p. 3.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Heritage News

Historic Survey of QA Still Being Planned.

Society Members Help Needed

The Queen Anne Historical Society board has voted to support a major effort in our community to conduct a historical resource survey of houses and buildings. The Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods is providing matching grant funds, and the Society will help provide people to conduct a survey, do research of selected houses and publish the results.

Society members Ron Mason, Bruce Jones, Kim Turner and Virginia Voorhees-Wilcox are working with the City of Seattle and a professional planner to organize this program.

The effort will begin soon and continue through the winter. The survey will result in an inventory of significant historic structures, with photos and descriptions. This inventory will be an invaluable resource for future planning, walking tours, and to Queen Anne historians.

Your help as a volunteer will be needed to spend a few hours walking a neighborhood, photographing some of the houses and making notes.

Details are still being developed. If you would like to help plan this activity, or simply help take some pictures, give Ron Mason a call at 283-8630, or email him at *ron@qahistory.org*. All of our members can be of value here. Please respond when you are contacted later on and encourage your friends to join in.

Web Site Changes

The Society's nifty web site, *www.qahistory.org*, continues to be managed by board member Bruce Jones. Check it out once in a while and see the changes.

Society members can go to the site and read the minutes of our monthly board meetings. These are located in the "Members Only" section. Access to this is by the "secret" password, "Seattle".

New Society Officers Elected

A new board of directors and a new set of officers were elected at the Annual Meeting on May 15th.

The names of these are listed in the box on p. 2. If the names look familiar, it is because they are the same as last year. This may be a good thing for continuity and experience. But it illustrates the need the Society has for more new faces in active roles.

Many of the current board members have been in these roles for a long time, and a certain amount of burnout is happening. This results in fewer activities and backed up tasks in our archives. The archives, for instance, are in dire need of cleaning up, indexing and proper storage.

Our long-time hosts at Bayview Manor have been invaluable to the Queen Anne community by allowing our archives to be housed there. Larger and more accessible spaces would be nice, but it is really the limitation in volunteer hours that hold us back.

Perhaps you have thought about helping to do something for preservation of Queen Anne's heritage. One way is to volunteer some of your time. None of us are professionals in the heritage movement. We all just want to do something to help. Join in and help us figure out how to keep Queen Anne's past in the present.

Recognize this house? See p. 4

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address_____

City _____, State _____ Zip_____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

___ Individual $15 ___ Patron $50 - $199
___ Family $20 ___ Benefactor $200 & up
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___ I would like to become active in the Queen Anne Historical Society.

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Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*. I understand that shipping costs will be added.

Prices are:
Soft cover: $25 ($20 for paid members)
Hard cover: $45 ($40 for paid members)

Please send me the following
Soft cover qty:_____. Total cost: $_____
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Total cost: $_____

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***Coming up*: Greg Lange explores our heritage of old houses at the Sept. 18th Program**

Notes from The Archives
by Kim Turner

August was a month of opportunities. Some were seized, others were missed. Our web site has paid off re the number of users who log on to see who and what we are, and if we can help them with Queen Anne data.

Such an example occurred two weeks ago, when Debbie Axtman, a pert, bubbly and bright woman e-mailed us regarding a damaged set of plat documents for a house at 1614 4th Avenue North on Queen Anne Hill. Your correspondent, since he was going to be out in the Everett area all week long (Aug. 24-Sept.1st), and seeing that Mrs. Axtman lived in Marysville, e-mailed her regarding the plat items and related memorabilia about the house.

The upshot was, we spent a lovely three hours at my sister's home, pouring over photographs, deed materials, property transfers, and several related items from Seattle's history. The earliest items dealt with property in San Diego in the 1880s; then the deed of sale of the property on Queen Anne from 1892, yes, that's 1892! There are stories to be told of real people who lived in our developing Seattle--memories of the dairies and farms on Queen Anne as well as ties to both John Hay School and Queen Anne High School.

I get to spend part of this week (Sept.3-6) in copying a number of photos, and taking original negatives (on loan) to have new prints made. There are some pictures that we may keep, and many which show views around the family of Per Alfred and Anna (Boquist) Peterson and their descendants. There are death certificates (photocopies) of both Petersons, and they are buried in the family plot at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

We will continue to inform you of materials received and what they will mean to the development of our archive as we acquire them. There is much to be learned from the lives of each family on Queen Anne, and we are only beginning the process.

Kim TurnerArchivist, 2002-03

Note: The house on p. 3 is the Wilke farm house at 1920 2nd Ave. N. It was built in 1898. See p. 75 of the Queen Anne history book for details.

Interested in becoming more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society? Join the Board of Trustees! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.